

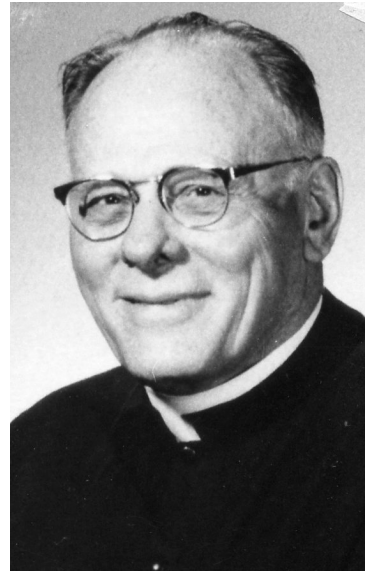
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January 1st

Brother Norbert (Carl) Henske, C.S.C.

born: 28 January 1900

died: 1 January 1974



Norbert was born in St. Louis, attended school there, and graduated from St. Louis University Prep in 1917. He joined Holy Cross and went to Watertown and then the novitiate at Notre Dame making his first vows in 1919. He studied at Notre Dame, earning his bachelor's degree in 1925 and a master's degree in 1929. He taught in schools in Indianapolis, New Orleans, Fort Wayne, Evansville, Chicago, and Texas until 1933. He went to the University of Portland as head of the Spanish Department for 11 years until 1944. He resumed teaching and serving in administration in high schools for the next 36 years in Austin, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Cleveland. The majority of the time (19 years), he spent teaching at Holy Trinity in Chicago. He was an outstanding teacher of mathematics and belonged to the National Council of Mathematics and the local Chicago Council of Math Teachers. He was a stickler for perfection, always prodding his students to extend themselves. In younger days, he was an excellent athlete and had a particular interest in all sports, even serving as a coach in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. He was a natural disciplinarian, with a sternness mellowed with a concern for the best interest of each student. His laughter always ended in a staccato cough with a beaming smile on his face.

I have noticed limitations to all perfection, but your commandment has no limits for me. -- Psalm 119:96

When you aim for perfection, you discover it's a moving target. -- George Fisher